

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Updates

Finding a Vaccine: Dial “211” on your phone and the operator can help you to find a vaccine location as well as any other health and human resources, including help with bills. You can also visit Marion County Health Department’s website or phone call to find general COVID information and a list of vaccine events. County Health’s phone number 503-588-5357.

Mask Guidance: On May 13, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that vaccinated people can remove their masks in many situations. Businesses, employers and faith institutions have the option to adjust their masking guidance to allow fully vaccinated individuals to no longer wear a mask in their establishments. They are required to have a policy in place. To read more about the new requirements visit the Oregon Health Authority’s website on Mask Requirements: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-face-coverings>

CDC Website: Visit the CDC COVID-19 website to learn more about getting vaccinated, being fully vaccinated, vaccines for children and teens, who should be tested for COVID, variants and more: www.cdc.gov.

Donald Hazelnut Festival

By DHF Board Member Cindy Johnson

The Donald Hazelnut Festival (DHF) will not hold a 2021 festival this summer. We hope to hold meetings later this year to begin planning for a summer 2022 festival and recruit volunteers and sponsors if there is interest. We have maintained our tax-exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

DHF can be contacted at [in-fo@donaldhazelnutfestival.com](mailto:info@donaldhazelnutfestival.com).



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Community Notes

Tree City USA: The turnout for the events for the Tree City USA program was low this year, but there is hope that next year will be better. You can see the activities, contests and watch the Tree ID class that happened on the City’s website, under the Community Tab, select Tree City from the drop-down menu.



Donald Beautification Group: The next DBG Meeting is on June 21 at 6:30pm. You can join by Webex. The group welcomes youth too! It is a great way to get involved and make a positive difference in the community. The DBG picked the paint for the Donald Community Center. They are also working on the Fire Hydrant Painting Project, locating and getting plant donations for large downtown planter boxes, landscape design for the NW corner of the 4-way stop, and planning a Donald Hometown Park Dedication on August 28, at 10am.

City Hall Hours: Staff is in the building and ready to serve the public Monday –Thursday 8:30am to 3:30 pm, and Fridays by appointment only. Please ring the doorbell for service at the walk-up window.

City Calendar for June 2021

Tue 8: City Council Meeting with Public Hearings 6:45pm*
Thurs 10: Municipal Court at 10:30am (if needed)
Thurs 10: Public Works Operator Job Applications Due
Tue 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Wed 16: Red Tags for Delinquent Accounts Delivered 10am
Fri 18: Fire Hydrant Painting Applications Due
Mon 21: Shut Offs for Delinquent Water & Sewer Accts. 10am
Mon 21: Late Fees Applied to Water & Sewer Accts. 8am
Mon 21: Donald Beautification Group Meeting 6:30pm*
Thurs 24: Water Meter Reads
Thurs 24: Planning Commission Meeting 6:45pm*
Mon 28: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street
* Meeting held via Webex: Connect by phone or video



June 2021

DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Welcome To City Council

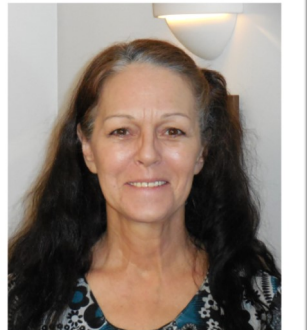
Alysha Irvin and Jan Olsen



On May 11th the remaining five from the Donald City Council appointed Alysha Irvin and Jan Olsen as Councilors. They filled the vacancies caused by Amanda McCracken and Rod Scott moving out of town. The terms end on December 31, 2024. The Council had three applicants to select from. There were five votes for Alysha Irvin, three for Jan Olsen and two for Sheryl Glenn. Mayor Olmsted expresses his welcome to the new Councilors stating “I greatly appreciate that you have stepped up to volunteer your time to make Donald a better place.”

Councilor Irvin’s previous government experience includes being on the Donald Planning Commission, Budget Committee and Donald Beautification Group. She works in a leadership position at a credit union.

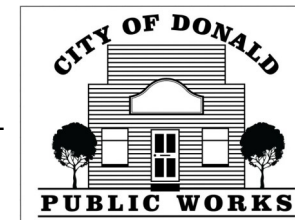
Councilor Olsen previously served on the Donald City Council from 2008-2018., serving as the Council President from 2017-2018. She works as an account receivable representative.



Councilor Jan Olsen

Public Works Operator Position

The City is recruiting for a new Public Works Operator. To find out details visit the City’s website or pick up an application packet at City Hall. There will be a first review of the applications on Thursday, June 10. The pay depends on the certificates at the time of hire from \$16.58 (no certificates) to \$22.78 (three certificates), plus benefits and on-call pay. The position performs a variety of skilled and semi-skilled manual and operational tasks as a member of the Public Works team in the construction, and maintenance of City facilities, streets, storm drain



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Water and Sewer Rates

The Budget Committee voted 10-0-0 to uphold the rates in the 5-year Water and Sewer Rate Study. The City Council will finalize the budget on June 8 at 6:45pm and there is a public hearing to accept the budget. If you have comments about the rate study or the rates, this is the opportunity for you to express your comments. The water and sewer rate study can be found on the City’s website under the Water/Sewer tab. On July 1, the water rate will increase by 6% and the sewer rate will not increase. (Past years the increase is 3% for each fund.) The water rate increase will help fund the customer’s portion of the new well. The new well is anticipated to be online fall 2021.



Utility Fees: The Budget Committee voted 10-0-0 vote to recommend to the Council a Street Maintenance Utility Fee of \$3 per customer, per month and a Stormwater Maintenance Fee of \$1 per customer, per month. These will be discussed by Council on June 8, 2021. It is unknown when the fees would start.

Summary of City Council Meeting

May 11th: Regular Meeting— Due to the resignations of Councilors Rod Scott and Amanda McCracken (both moved out of town), the Council held a recruitment to fill the two vacancies. They received three applications. The City's Charter provides the process for appointing new Councilors. The new Councilors are Alysha Irvin and Jan Olsen. Following their appointment, the Council had a number of business items. The Council Approved:

- The Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Values and 2021 Council and Planning Commission Goals.
- The 5-Year Water and Sewer Rate Studies.
- The DBG's proposed Fire Hydrant Painting Project.
- Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement for City Planning Services.
- Request from the Donald Hazelnut Festival for a \$500 donation for their expenses.

They tabled the decision for reopening the Donald Community Center for reservations and the renewal of the Gervais-Donald Police Contract until their June 8th Meeting. The Council did not offer financial support to the regional kiosk for tourism.

Next Meeting: June 8, at 6:45pm

**The Public Can Connect By WebEx or Phone
Agenda Posted on Website and Community Boards**

Budget Public Hearings on June 8, 2021

A public meeting of the Donald City Council will be held on June 8, 2021 at 6:45pm via WebEx due to Coronavirus social distancing requirements; the Council Agenda will provide video and phone conference information for public attendance. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the City of Donald Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Donald City Hall, Mon-Thurs 8:30am to 3:30pm, or online at www.donaldoregon.gov. This budget is for our annual budget period, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

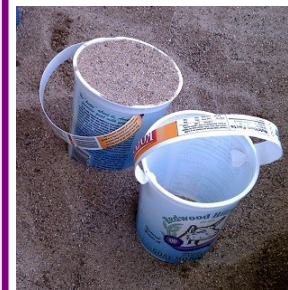
Recruitment for Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is recruiting for a vacancy and would like to invite you to apply. Consider applying if you are interested in being involved in determining how the City grows, reviewing development applications, and serving the City in a leadership role. The Planning Commission also serves as the Tree Board and plans the annual Tree City USA festivities. The Commission meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:45pm. The application and more information are available on the City's webpage, under the Planning tab. Or you can pick up a packet at City Hall. The deadline for submitting an application is June 17, 2021. The Planning Commission will review the candidates and interview them at their June 24th meeting.

What to do with those Sour Cream and Yogurt Containers?

By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander

One question I get time and time again is if sour cream and yogurt containers can be recycled in the blue bins. Sadly, they cannot. Manufacturers use different formulas to make the plastic less expensive.



It also makes it so the different plastics cannot be combined, or recycled together. Ideally, you want to buy products that have less packaging. However, this is becoming more, and more difficult. Here are some creative ways to repurpose those old containers:

make buckets for the beach, reuse for sending leftovers with when guests come to the house, store dried goods like popcorn or rice, make a piggy bank, container for toys/chalk, or use in the garden. Reducing and reusing consumption is key. Call or email with questions laurenostrander@gmail.com or 503-453-9228.

Another Use for Containers

The Donald Beautification Group will use your containers that are clean, in good condition and have tight sealing lids. They will be used to put the paint in for the fire hydrant painting project and given to the painters in their kits. Drop containers off at City Hall.

Development Code Update

The Planning Commission is updating the Development Code. These are the rules for development in Donald. There will be a public hearing on June 24th, 2021 at 6:45pm by the Planning Commission for the public to provide testimony regarding the changes. The proposed revisions are posted on the City's website for the public to read through. Testimony can be submitted orally at the meeting, or written prior to the meeting by emailing manager@donaldoregon.gov or dropping it off to City Hall. Then at the July 13th Council Meeting another public hearing will be held. For more information, contact Heidi at City Hall.

Understanding Sulfur in Drinking Water By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Occasionally I get phone calls from customers asking about smelly water. It is important to remember that Donald's water comes from a well. You are most likely smelling naturally occurring sulfur. Sulfur bacteria are found in many drinking water wells and household distribution systems. These harmless bacteria use the sulfur compounds that in water as a food source, and when this happens it produces hydrogen sulfide. Although sulfur bacteria pose no health risk to humans, their presence in drinking water may cause objectionable tastes and odors. Also, water heaters may produce a sulfur odor. The magnesium rod in many water heaters can chemically change naturally occurring sulfates in water to hydrogen sulfide. If this occurs, the magnesium rod can be replaced with an aluminum rod or simply removed, although removing the rod may nullify the warranty on the water heater. Most methods for treating sulfur in water rely on the oxidation of hydrogen sulfide gas into elemental sulfur, a solid. Oxidation is the process by which soluble or dissolved contaminants are converted to soluble byproducts or insoluble products that can be filtered. Donald's treatment process removes some of the sulfur present in the water, but not all, therefore small amounts are still present in the distribution system. The best way to eliminate the odor is letting the water run through your faucet for a few seconds before using it.

Outdoor Ballot Box



The City of Donald worked with Marion County Elections staff and County Clerk Bill Burgess to open an outdoor Ballot Drop Box. The whole project happened very quickly, within days of getting the onsite inspection and approval from the County Clerk the box was installed by local contractor McKillip Excavation. The box was opened a few days before the May Election, through Election Day. For future elections the box will be available to voters 24/7. If you are curious about election results you can find them on the Marion County Elections page at: <https://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/ctions/Results>.

Paint a Fire Hydrant!

You and your family are invited to help brighten up Donald's Main Streets and neighborhoods by adopting a Fire Hydrant to design and paint!

Applications are due on June 18th. For the application form and rules, visit www.donaldoregon.gov. Or pick up an application packet at City Hall. For additional questions, contact Heidi Bell at manager@donaldoregon.gov

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